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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing is a continuation application of Application Serial No. 09/416,827 filed 12 October 1999, which application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/116,422 filed 19 January 1999, by Michael J. Seaman for **SPANNING TREE WITH PROTOCOL FOR BYPASSING PORT STATE TRANSITION TIMERS**.

Also enclosed are:

- ☒ 4 sheet(s) of formal drawings;
- ☒ 15 sheet(s) of specification/abstract;
- ☒ 2 sheet(s) of claims;
- ☒ Application Data Sheet;
- ☒ Disclosure Statement and PTO-Form SB/08.
- ☒ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☒ a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the parent application.
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Basic Application Fee					\$770.00
Total Claims	6	MINUS 20 =	0	X \$18.00 =	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	X \$86.00 =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00					
Total Application Fee					\$770.00
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**SPANNING TREE WITH PROTOCOL FOR BYPASSING  
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